

From:Duheme, Michael
Sent:Sun, 6 Feb 2022 01:45:39 +0000
To:Parsons, Ches
Cc:Flynn, Mark
Subject:RE: Assistance to OPS

Thanks Ches,
There's some interesting discussion with downtown.
Mike

From: Parsons, Ches <Ches.Parsons@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: February 5, 2022 6:07 PM
To: Duheme, Michael <Michael.Duheme@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: Flynn, Mark <mark.flynn@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
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As an adjunct to the previous message, the Chief has categorically stated and the Board has asked him to reiterate that the OPS does not currently have the resources to bring this to a timely end.

I state again, that I am satisfied that our OPS facing deployment accords with all laws.

I believe now that the OPP and PEOC are now properly engaged. I cannot express to you how concerned I was over this when this crisis got to the "boiling point" days and days ago.

That's all Ches

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From: "Parsons, Ches" <Ches.Parsons@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Date: 2022-02-05 5:50 p.m. (GMT-05:00)
To: "Duheme, Michael" <Michael.Duheme@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: "Flynn, Mark" <mark.flynn@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
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Evening,

The OPS Chief and Deputies are meeting with the police services board now. We are actively watching it over Zoom.

At this time, the deployment posture is going well. It accords with the provincial statutes: Ontario Police Act 1990, Trespass to Property Act R.S.O. 1990, and the Interprovincial Policing Act 1990.

Outside of our protective remit our deployment strategy accords with provincial law. Ergo in alignment with the above act, all of our members being deployed to the OPS are being sworn in as special constables. They are then under OPS command.

Just for situational awareness only, as I have no visibility on this, I should take you to the Ontario Provincial Emergency Response Plan 2019.

(page 66) 6.7.2. Requests for federal assistance :

A request from the Government of Ontario to the federal government to provide support for emergency response and recovery efforts shall be formalized through a request for assistance (RFA). All such requests for federal assistance from communities or ministries shall be made through the PEOC.

You will note the reference to the PEOC.

At this time, I would ask that if Chief Sloly is having twice daily calls with the Commissioner, as he has stated this latest Police Service Board meeting, that you let me know if commitments are being made or anything else material.

As I close, the Service Board members are expressing frustration over the lack of precise plan and lack of progress.

Thanks and regards..... Ches

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